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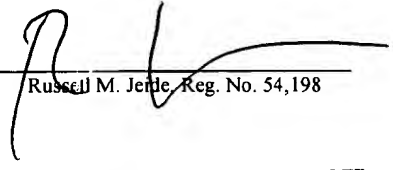
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 App. No. : 09/955,520
 Filed : September 12, 2001
 For : ESTABLISHMENT AND
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 TRANSCEIVER NODES IN FREE-
 SPACE OPTICAL
 COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS
 Examiner : Chau M. Nguyen
 Art Unit : 2633

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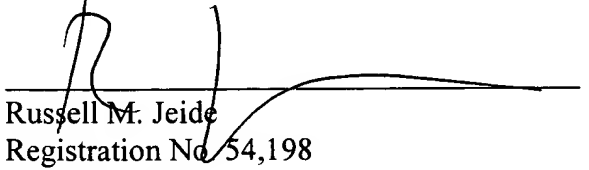
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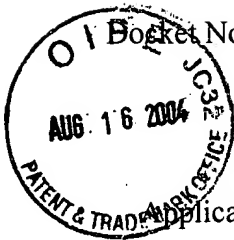
- (X) Response to Restriction Requirement in two pages.
 (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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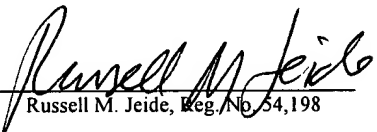
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 13, 2004, in the above-identified application, Applicant elects the claims of Group III (Claims 2-4 and 9-17) for further examination. Please withdraw Group I (Claim 1) and Group II (Claims 5 and 8) without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more continuing applications.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the above election or would like to discuss this response further, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned so that any such questions may be promptly resolved.